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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re the Application of:

Hampden-Smith et al.

Serial No. 10/774,791

Filed: February 9, 2004

Confirmation No. 9037

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For: "SILVER-CONTAINING PARTICLES, METHOD AND APPARATUS OF MANUFACTURE, SILVER-CONTAINING DEVICES MADE THEREFROM"

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action having a mailing date of March 21, 2005 with respect to the above-identified Application.

Applicant does not believe that any extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136 is required. However, should the filing of this communication require additional extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, such extension is requested and any deficiency in payment of extension fees should be debited to Deposit Account No. 50-1419.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

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